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DIVISION II, III and NAIA UP Smith, Larson, Basterrechia Leading

Hello Again....52decathletes from the nation's smaller institutions went to their marks on Thursday with national titles at the NCAA Div II, Div III and NAIA at stake. All parts of the country except the South (not a single qualifier from south of the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi River!?) were represented and results were generally excellent. Defending D-II winner J. Patrick Smith of Chico State and D-III and NAIA seasonal leaders Eric Larson (Central, IA) and Austin Basterrechia (College of Idaho) led their respective competitions at the half-way mark.

NCAA II Pueblo, Colorado May 23-24



Defending champ J Patrick Smith /Chico St (yep, it's just 'J.') started the day as if he was taking no prisoners at the Thunderbowl in Pueblo, CO. His announced 10.68 century (wind of +3.0 mps and altitude helped) and 7.50m/24-7¼ gave him a 185 point lead on D-II seasonal leader Justin Balczak/Lake Superior St with 2011 champ Brent Vogel/C Missouri St another 2 points in arrears.

Balczak pared the lead to just 74 with a nifty 13.37m/43-10½ shot as things began to tighten up. Yet Smith responded with a PR in



Justin Balczak/Lake Superior State leaped 7.23m/23-8¾ in the long jump at the NCAA II decathlon and holds down the runner-up spot at the half-way mark.

the high jump and solid 400m (49.33) to push the lead back to 104. At the break his 4070 score tops the field.

1st Day Results:

4070 Smith, J Patrick/Chico St '14	10.68+3.0	750	1171	196	49.33
3964 Balczak, Justin/Lake Superior St '15	11.21+3.0	723	1337	196	49.80
3895 Lebron, Nick/Sn Conn St '15	11.16+1.9	663	1208	202	49.89
3877 Vogel, Brent/Central Missouri '13	10.97+3.0	700	1265	184	48.41
3875 Elsenbaumer, Ted/Chico St '14	10.87+1.9	679	1282	187	48.65
3731 Schrod, Dillon/Nebraska-Kearney '15	10.83+3.0	665	1111	193	50.16
3636 Juell, Tandy/Mankato St '13	10.99+3.0	652	1342	187	52.77
3617 Grob, Tyler/Saginaw Valley St '14	11.03+3.0	628	1204	184	49.34
3585 Pearson, Seth/Angelo St '15	11.14+3.0	676	1197	184	51.60
3516 Thomas, Cody/Alaska-Anchorage '15	10.92+3.0	593	1133	184	49.45
3486 Maydew, Payson/Emporia St '16	11.43+1.9	615	1169	180	50.37
3383 Hubbard, Scott/Cal St-LA '13					



11.26+1.9 689 1189 175 54.81
 3380 Maio, Kyle/Edinboro '14
 11.53+1.9 659 1155 178 51.94
 3207 Blackwell, James/Cedarville '15
 11.30+1.9 640 1067 166 52.60
 3018 Birtwhistle, Connor/Cal Poly-Pomona '13
 11.96+1.9 622 1037 181 55.46
 3808 Holmberg, Henrik/Augustana '14-NOR
 10.98+1.9 706 1131 196 50.69
 16s

NCAA III
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
May 23-24



The expected 3-way war among Central (IA) soph Eric Larson (3744) and a pair of locals, Brandon Zarnoth(Eau Claire-3707) and Zach Anderson (Stout -3599), both juniors) materialized immediately in LaCrosse, WI.

Matt Hunter, an Ohio Wesleyan soph,



The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse played host to the D-III nationals.

fired the first shot in the D-III war. His 10.84 100m clocking gave him a 39 point lead over '12 runner-up Brandon Zarnoth/Wisconsin-Eau Claire. But at the end of the day, where temps reached a high of 70°F under cloudy skies, it was Larson, riding the wave of a PR 2.04m/6-8 ¼ high jump win, who led. Anderson, last year's 4th place finisher who has top 2nd day skills, was 185 back after five.

1st Day Results:



3744 Larson, Eric/Central(IA) '15
 11.29+2.4 697+3.2 1122 204 52.08
 3707 Zarnoth, Brandon/Wisc-Eau Claire '14
 11.01+2.4 687+2.2 1188 180 49.45
 3559 Anderson, Zach/Wisc-Stout '14
 11.40+2.9 662+3.5 1155 186 50.28
 3540 Cord, John/Simpson '13

11.42+2.2 671+2.7 1135 189 51.35
 3519 Hunter, Matt/Ohio Wesleyan '15
 10.84+2.4 660+3.2 1044 183 51.73
 3511 Mestelle, Bart/Wisc-Eau Claire '13
 11.13+2.2 647+2.7 1127 183 50.92
 3483 Boockmeier, Brad/St Norbert '16
 11.28+2.4 627+1.5 1374 183 53.20
 3473 Wagner, Kevin/St Scholastica '16
 11.25+2.4 651+4.2 1175 180 51.44
 3453 Delap, Peter/Whitworth '14
 11.29+2.4 653+0.2 1032 192 52.20
 3422 Blair, Michael/Tufts '13
 11.85+2.9 651+2.1 1120 195 52.00
 3408 Dunne, Max/St Thomas(MN) '13
 11.39+2.2 657+3.4 1220 183 53.83
 3400 Hardison, David/Bates '13
 11.35+2.2 640+5.4 1083 177 50.25
 3279 Yseth, Gavin/St Thomas(MN) '13
 11.82+2.9 623+4.5 1194 183 52.60
 3227 Depo, Ben/Plattsburgh St '13
 11.45+2.2 633+4.6 1118 171 52.66
 3195 Cerne, Joe/Puget Sound '14
 11.59+2.9 614+4.1 1024 180 52.17
 3177 Kosack, Cory/Coast Guard '14
 11.29+2.2 599+4.4 1121 156 50.26
 3174 Austin, Quenten/Carthage '16
 11.73+2.9 607+3.3 1116 180 52.95
 2659 Kennedy, Carson/Willamette '15
 11.39+2.4 nm 1001 183 51.57
 dnf Kovalik, Alex/Mt Union '14
 11.59+2.2 598+1.8 1107 168
 dnf Sisler, Dan/St Norbert '15
 20.00+2.9 withdrew
 20s,18f



College of Idaho junior Austin Basterrechia used a 2.03m/6-8 high jump to fashion a first day lead at the NAIA title meet in Marian, IN.



NAIA
Marian, Indiana
May 23-24

This shaped up as a two way battle between seasonal leader Austin Basterrechia/College of Idaho, Goodling, ID, and Doane

senior Ron Kenney, Calaway, NE. The latter took the lead with a 2.06m/6-9 high jump win. But a fine 49.98 400m clocking and one second margin gave Basterrechia a two point margin at the break, 3865 to 3863. Given 2nd day skills Kenney may have an edge until the 1500 meters where the Idaho junior enjoys a huge margin. This one is too close to call with both projecting 7k+ totals.

First Day results:



5/23-24 NAIA National Champs, Indiana Wesleyan U, Marian, IN

3865	Basterrechia, Austin/C of Idaho '14 11.53+0.7 723+1.0 1195 203 49.98
3863	Keeney, Rob/Doane '13, 11.35+0.6 694-0.8 1268 206 50.91
3708	Wolken, Kale/Doane '16, 11.24+0.6 706-0.9 1251 188 51.67
3544	Dougherty, Andy/Morningside '14, 11.55+0.7 653-1.7 1251 185 50.52
3498	Staheli, Ivan/British Columbia '13, 11.49+0.6 652+0.1 1255 188 52.45
3397	Mirich, Wyatt/Dickinson St '15, 11.42+0.6 665 0.0 1082 182 52.18
3374	Rosenau, Ryan/Eastern Oregon '15, 11.54+0.6 641-0.7 997 194 52.10o
3259	Ritchie, Brandon/Sn Oregon '13, 11.35+0.7 602+1.2 1079 173 50.71
3235	Conely, Cameron/Okla Baptist '14, 12.14+0.7 637+0.2 1141 191 53.77
3238	Strickland, Maurice/Cal St-San Marcos '14, 11.26+0.6 603+0.4 1052 164 49.71
3157	Derscheid, Travis/Siena Height '13s, 11.78+0.8 605+0.7 1318 176 55.11
3106	Connealy, Jacob/Benedictine(KS) '15, 12.13+0.6 611-0.4 1130 194 56.07
3090	Fox, Deon/Cornerstone '16, 11.79+0.7 630-1.4 974 185 54.85
3089	Adger, Bryce/Grand View '14, 11.67+0.6 660-0.9 971 164 52.86
3050	Higgins, Brad/Doane '13, 12.28+0.7 627+0.8 1152 182 55.32
2882	Kemper, Kyle/Westmont '15 11.83+0.7 599-0.3 1008 161 53.73
16s,	

One can follow the NCAA II, III and NAIA results at the following websites:

NCAA II

<http://www.usfccca.org/2013/05/featured/division-ii-championships-preview>

NCAA III

http://www.uwlathletics.com/sports/2012/12/13/MTRACK_1213120030.aspx

NAIA

http://cfpfitiming.com/liveresults/2013_Outdoor/NAIA_outdoor_champs_2013/